

INFORMATION PAPER

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SUBJECT: FAO In-Country Training Program - Greece

1. PURPOSE: To provide a summary of the FAO in-country training program and facilities available in Greece to assist in selection and arrival time of replacement personnel. Projected in-country trainees should use the information provided to contact incumbent FAO trainees and/or FAO) supervisor as early as possible for more detailed information.

2. FACTS:

a. Summary of Program:

(1) Tour Length: 12-15 months.

(2) Normal Arrival/Departure Dates: Arrive NET 25 May, NLT 15 Jul; depart Aug of the following year. This requires early graduation from DLI-FLC.

(3) Program Description: One FAO per year attends the 10-month Hellenic Army War College (Sep-Jun), in Thessaloniki. Regional travel is conducted prior to and after the HAWC training.

(4) Prerequisites: CPT/MAJ; branch immaterial; min Greek 2/2/2 language.

b. POV: Should be shipped. Large U.S. cars are not recommended, pick-up trucks or 4-wheel drives even less so. Foreign cars are recommended.

c. Household goods: Incoming FAOs should coordinate with resident FAOs for recommended items to bring as accompanied and unaccompanied baggage. A personal computer with modem is highly recommended.

d. Housing: Local economy. FAO receives COLA. FAO residence is located in the Thessaloniki suburb of Panorama, about 15 kilometers from the center of Thessaloniki.

e. Support Facilities:

(1) Medical: In Thessaloniki, the consulate provides a recommended list of English-speaking and U.S.-trained physicians. Greek War College physician provides free out-patient care for HAWC students and dependents. Saint Luke Hospital (Greek) is located in Panorama about 1.5 km from FAO residence. Dental - Consulate provides a list of dentists. HAWC also has a dedicated dentist, but at a cost. The "Delta" Plan does not cover dental visits overseas. Families are encouraged to take care of dental problems before leaving CONUS.

(2) Dependent Schooling: Grades 1-12 are available in the Thessaloniki suburb of Panorama at Pinewood International School and Anatolia College (High School). Both are DODDS accredited schools.

(3) PX/Commissary: No PX available; a small commissary is located in Athens. FAO is authorized to use Greek Army PX/Commissary located in Thessaloniki. Prices are high in both places.

(4) Mail Support: Provided through American Consulate

(5) Language Instruction Availability: Tutors and formal classroom instruction are available.

f. Rating Chain:

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3. Additional Information:

a. FAO is supported by the U.S. Consulate in Thessaloniki during HAWC training and travel phases.

b. Bring Advanced Course, CAS3, and CGSC materials. ICT provides a good opportunity to complete them and they also serve to keep FAOs current on US doctrine.

c. FAOs should bring complete array of military uniforms.

d. Regional Travel Priorities:

(1) Priority one: Bulgaria, Romania, Serbia, Italy, Bosnia, Albania, Croatia Macedonia, Slovenia.

(2) Priority two: Germany, France, Czech Republik, Slovakia, Poland.

(3) Priority three: Austria, Netherlands, Belgium, United Kingdom, Spain.

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